

LAS VEGAS AGE

Henry Lee Recorder

WATER WANTED

Mineral Development to the Southeast Handicapped

Prospecting and development of the mineral resources south and east of Vegas are seriously impeded because of the scarcity of water. This section has long been recognized by mining men as a promising field, but lack of water prevents its development. Hitherto much of the water used in operating in this section has been hauled from Las Vegas. The development of this mineral belt would mean a great deal to Las Vegas. Her citizens would do well to interest themselves in this water problem. A well in the vicinity of Dry Lake is an absolute necessity.

The county recently appropriated \$250 for sinking a well in that section, but the terms were such that no one cared to undertake the job. It was provided that a well producing at least four barrels each 24 hours should be secured before the money would be available.

The Board of Trade of business men of Las Vegas might overcome this obstacle by a guarantee to meet the expense of sinking a well.

Assayer Walter Joy and scores of others believe that the mineral possibilities of this region are sufficient to warrant such a move.

Already important developments have taken place, and with the advantage of a more convenient water supply, there is no telling what might be unearthed.

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT

Forwarding Business Shows Substantial Increase

F. A. Clark, of the Clark Forwarding Co., states that he has loaded more merchandise for Betty and the Bullfrog district during the past ten days than for the six weeks previous to this period. Word from the mining districts is to the effect that prospectors are beginning to come in with the promise of cooler weather. A slight increase in the outfitting business at Las Vegas is also noticeable.

The Betty district, especially, will probably experience a period of great activity this fall.

Las Vegas hopes at present in the possibility of something substantial materializing from the prospects recently discovered to the southeast.

GOOD ASSAYS

Rich Prospects Being Found in Vicinity of Las Vegas

Several rich ore specimens have been brought in to local assayers during the past few weeks from the county southeast of Las Vegas. The finds have been made in various sections between the point and the Colorado river.

Among the most notable are those coming from P. Wadsett's claim, about twelve miles southeast. Specimens from this claim, covering a period of two months, have shown uniformly good values. As a result, it is said that Mr. Wadsett is now in Las Angeles, arranging to put a force of men at work. "It would not surprise me," said Mr. Smith, of Smith & Hecker, the assayers, "if machinery is on the ground inside of sixty days."

Wednesday Smith & Hecker made a silver assay that showed a value of 7.90 ounces to the ton.

Other assays of silver specimens during the past few days, have shown good values. Nearly all of these come from the district southeast of Las Vegas.

Smith & Hecker state that their business is increasing steadily, indicating that prospectors are getting into the field.

BACKING RICH ORE

The Eclipse Mine has about 250 sacks of ore on the dump that will add about \$100. On a depth of 85 feet the ledge widened out to fourteen feet, of which the lot is sacking ore, no sorting being necessary. The remainder of the vein is of good milling values, and to date about a ton of waste rock has been taken out of the shaft. The vein was only four feet wide on the surface with values of but \$1.00. The wonderful increase of value at depth, sensational assays of \$16,000 being obtained in spots, has given encouragement to work throughout the district.

The Denver filed up 300 sacks of ore in August going between \$100 and \$800. Betty Bullfrog Mine.

MINING CONGRESS

The American Mining Congress will meet in El Paso, Texas, on November 14th, and will be in session a week. Nevada, now the principal mining State of the west, should be appropriately represented in the congress.

TIMBER LANDS

Charleston Range Furnished Lumber Twenty Years Ago

It is reported that a number of Las Vegas people have their eyes on Charleston mountains with a view to locating timber claims. It has long been known that there are quantities of accessible timber in these mountains. J. T. McWilliams, founder of Ragtown, has valuable timber rights in the Charleston range, and had on exhibition in his former office a table three feet in diameter, made of a slab sawed from the trunk of a tree on his claim.

Twenty years ago Kyle & Son, former owners of the Kyle ranch, ran a sawmill in what is known as Kyle canyon, shipping the lumber and hauling it to Eldorado canyon, where it sold for \$120 per thousand.

The timber is of the white pine variety and is of fairly good quality.

SCANDALOUS

Times Denounced by Local Board of Trade

The Age is in receipt of the following communication:

"Las Vegas Age, Las Vegas, Nevada: It was resolved by the Las Vegas Board of Trade that a copy of the following resolutions be furnished the general press:

"Whereas, the Los Angeles Times has of late disseminated statements and reports that are unwarranted by the facts and detrimental to the best interests of Las Vegas;

"And whereas, the business conditions and opportunities of Las Vegas are of a prosperous nature and such as to make it a good and safe field for investors and the energetic;

"Therefore be it resolved, by Las Vegas Board of Trade, that it condemn the Los Angeles Times for the misrepresentation of the actual conditions at Las Vegas, and be it further

"Resolved, that the Times in scandalizing this community is perpetrating an injustice that is unworthy of a reputable journal.

"Very truly yours,
"LAS VEGAS BOARD OF TRADE,
"GEO. A. WARD, Sec'y.
"Las Vegas, Nev., Sept. 6, 1905."

The above requires no comment. Those of us who have been in Las Vegas during the past six months are in a position to understand the nature of the prosperous conditions that have prevailed. Others interested have but to come here to ascertain the facts.

SCHOOL CENSUS

County Supt. Sanders Has Ordered It Retaken

When the Las Vegas school census was taken last spring there were a large number of heads of families here who stated to the census marshal that they would bring their children in before the opening of the fall term. Since that time many of these have either moved away or failed to bring their families in.

Owing to this condition, other school districts in the county have set up the claim that Las Vegas will receive more than its just proportion of school money, if the apportionment is based on the last census. For that reason Supt. Sanders has ordered the census retaken and has appointed C. P. Ronnow and H. M. Fullmer marshals.

The apportionment for this district will be made in accordance with the revised census.

OLDEST HOUSE

The Nevada Historical Association, composed of prominent people throughout the state and having headquarters in Reno, has purchased what is believed to be the oldest house in Nevada. The property is near Gardnerville and was owned by T. N. Hansen, who had long preserved it as an account of its historical significance.

The house will be jealously cared for by the society, and it is believed that it will stand for many generations before it will fall into decay, as it was constructed of heavy timbers by its builders, who had in view protection against roving Indians at the time.

At one time the house was surrounded by a stockade, but this has long since fallen into disuse.

The price paid for the house was \$750.

LEADEN RUMOR

There are rumors to the effect that a rich lead strike has been made about twenty-five miles southeast of this point. No details have been learned, but it is reported that there is a six-foot vein containing over seventy-five per cent lead. The Age has not been able to ascertain where the story originated.

DOG IN THE MANGER

How Much a Certain "Booster" Cares for Las Vegas

A person who assists in the publication of a certain local paper (printed in Salt Lake) and who has been much heralded as a "booster" for Las Vegas, has at last, through his vindictive and treacherous spirit, exposed himself to the public view in his true character.

Because The Age, by reason of superior equipment and a thorough understanding of up-to-date printing methods, was able to offer for the county printing a bid lower than any competitor, he waxed furious, and since the awarding of the contract to The Age, has worked his narrow and vindictive mind night and day to devise some means of annulling the contract or causing trouble for The Age.

This person has no hope of obtaining the contract himself, as he has no office equipped to do the work. But he does not want The Age to have it, simply, we presume, because The Age incurred his displeasure by establishing a newspaper in Las Vegas, a field which he seems to think belonged to him and him alone.

This is the person some Las Vegas people have been holding up as a "booster." This is the way he "boosts"—rather than see The Age have the county printing, he would take it away from Las Vegas, the town whose interests he so earnestly "boosts"—take it away when he knows he has no hope of bringing it back, and to do this he would resort to any means, fair or otherwise.

By bringing the county printing and the official paper to Las Vegas, The Age accomplished a little something, at least, for the benefit of the town; but this person would rob the town of that advantage with nothing to gain personally, except the satisfaction of gratifying his "dog in the manger" instincts.

Contemplate him!

COUNTY PRINTING

At its last meeting the Board of County Commissioners annulled the county printing contract on the ground that the notice for bids had not been advertised for the legal period of time. Just who is responsible for this careless blunder The Age is not prepared to state. But it certainly seems that there is hardly a reasonable excuse for it.

In the case of all public or legal notices, the law specifies that they shall be published for a certain period of time, stating specifically the different periods of publication for the different kinds of notices. It is the duty of the public officials proposing to publish such notices to ascertain the period of time for which they are to be published.

Apparently this was not done, and the county is being put to the expense of re-advertising, and is, besides, losing the benefit of the reasonable figures of The Age contract, as the work is being given to the Record in the meantime—presumably at the former exorbitant rates.

Just why the work is being given to Record, The Age has not yet ascertained as this paper holds the contract on the basis of the lowest bid offered in response to the previous call for bids. If, as the Commissioners claim, a blunder was made in awarding the contract, The Age is the only victim of that blunder, and as such victim should receive the preference until such blunder is legally rectified. The mere revoking of the contract, because of what is claimed to be the county's mistake, does not lessen the Commissioner's obligation to The Age.

According to a notice now being published, the contract will again be awarded at the November meeting.

AN EDITOR'S ACHIEVEMENT

An editor who started out about fifty years ago with 15 cents is now worth \$100,000. His accumulation of wealth is owing to his frugality, strict attention to business and the fact that an uncle died and left him \$50,000.—Goldfield Review.

ONE DRY TOWN

Nevada now has a prohibition town. It is the new town of Mina, established by the Southern Pacific a short distance from Sodaville. By the terms of the deeds lots are conveyed to the purchasers for a period of ninety-nine years, and they are prohibited from engaging in the sale of liquor of any kind.

REBOATING

If a mining company fails to perform the annual assessment work on unpatented ground, a shareholder in the same cannot relocate a mining claim so forfeited to the government, although an outlier claim.

DEATH VALLEY

Greatest Depression Known in the World

In California, near the California line, bounded on the west by the Panamint range and on the east by the Funeral range, lies Death Valley, the greatest known depression in the earth, varying from 200 to 400 feet below sea level.

From Coffin mountain in the Funeral range a cheerful view of Death Valley can be enjoyed. Names and surroundings inspire the traveler with pleasant thoughts and admiration for the pioneers who so appropriately designated the valley and mountains.

Death Valley proper is a scope of barren desert about 10 miles wide by 110 miles long, lying in the great depression between the Panamint and Funeral ranges. It is the bed of a dry lake, below sea level from 100 to 400 feet. The surrounding country is of volcanic nature and there is evidence that Death Valley was once the center of fiery activity. Perhaps it may be the extinct crater of the world's greatest eruption.

Some of the springs in the valley are poisonous, impregnated with mineral salts. North of Funeral creek on the east side of the valley are five poisonous springs; and nine miles northwest of the Borax ranch, on the west side of the valley, are two more poisonous springs. Men and beasts have perished from drinking of these waters. There are, however, many places where good water can be found in the valley, one being Surveyor's Well, at the north end, and at the Borax ranch.

In the heat of summer, the thermometer was up to 125 degrees, in the shade, and has touched 137. In winter half an inch of ice forms in the valley.

The old fable that animals do not live in the valley has been exploded. Mr. Clarence Nyman, who has traveled over the Death Valley country prospecting and mining for twenty-nine years, says coyotes, rabbits and common desert animals and reptiles are numerous.

POTOSI MINE

Now Producing About Fifteen Tons of Ore Per Day

The Potosi Mining Co. has been incorporated to work the old Potosi mine about thirty miles southwest of Las Vegas. P. H. Mahoney is president and J. J. Mahoney secretary of the company.

Thirty men are now employed and the company is shipping about fifteen tons of ore per day. President Mahoney says the mine looks good, showing large bodies of ore, some of them 30 feet high by 60 or 70 feet wide. The prospect is good for finding quantities of ore worth from \$40 to \$50 per ton.

The ore is shipped to Salt Lake City, Pueblo, Colo., and Idalia and Gos, Kansas.

In the early days the property was worked by the Mormons.

RAILROAD NOTES

Progress of Construction Work in the Local Yards

The big locomotives of the Salt Lake road will soon have a desert home they can call their own. The roof is being put on the round house and it will soon be completed. The switch and the turntable which will show the monsters to their respective berths, are already in place.

The handsome new passenger depot is now completed, with the exception of the interior finishing.

The approaches to the new freight depot have been built up with solid gravel, so as to bring wagon beds on a level with the platform.

The traveling club chute and the mammoth oil tank are now equipped to serve a quick lunch to the hungry iron steeds, and send them on their way with little delay.

When all the improvements are completed not a great number of men will be required to operate the yards.

UNKINDEST CUT OF ALL

Says the Ely Mining Record: "We have heard it said there is a brand of whisky sold somewhere in Colorado called 'Shepherd's Delight,' which, after taking one drink of it, caused a pebble to steal his own pack and hide it in the woods. We are reminded of that incident by an item we saw in Las Vegas Age recently. It appears that paper published an article, giving some other newspaper credit for it, when the same had originally appeared in The Age a short time before. The quality of the water down at Vegas must be bad."

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